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Corbo gets modernized



Photo by Max Flessner

Junior Emily Krueger works out on a treadmill while watching TV.

Max Flessner
Campus Editor

John Carroll University is seeing the need to have an immediate and positive impact on their students. One way that they did this was renovating the Corbo/Cardio Fitness Center.

The decision was made to invest around \$175,000 out of the University's capital budget to making significant improvements to the Corbo Center and to make the renovations while the students were away on winter vacation.

The capital budget is the money that is set aside once the operating costs of the University are covered.

"The University is trying to do

smaller renovations and refurbishments over break periods that students will notice and benefit from right away," said Vice President for Student Affairs Patrick Rombalski. "The Corbo room is along that line of thinking - something relatively easy to do that benefits students in a direct way," he said.

The decision to make these improvements was made at the vice presidential level and the Recreation Department was not aware of this until October when they had already begun using some of their Student Activity Fund money to upgrade the fitness room.

The new bars and plates for free weights were bought by the SAF money. New carpet, paint, a large TV, new machines and an

individual TV on each treadmill and most elliptical machines were purchased by the capital budget.

There were 12 individual TVs added to treadmills and 7 TVs added to ellipticals.

"I would say that the University felt it [the Corbo Center] was an area that needed some work," said Sandra Howard, director of recreation and intramurals.

The items that the SAF money replaced were around 25 years old and were part of the recreation departments efforts to keep the fitness center up to date. They have been updating the cardio machines over the past several

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Photo by Kate McCall

Rooming online

Caitlin Huey-Burns
Assistant Campus Editor

The Office of Residence Life implemented a new online system for on-campus housing registration.

Students will only be able to select their dorm room and roommate using the online format, rather than through paper work as has been done in the past.

Online registration will not allow students to cluster, or to choose a particular group of people with whom they wish to live, according to several Resident Assistants.

Students will receive an e-mail

notification of an assigned date and time to approve a housing contract and choose their housing options.

Students under the age of 18 will need to print the contract and mail it, with a co-signature to the Office of Residence Life.

Single room and Substance-Free housing will still be available.

There has been quite a bit of confusion regarding the new system. Housing contracts will continue to be binding for the entire academic year.

Housing Coordinator Marie Perri was out of the office. Assistant Director of Residence Life Kyle O'Dell declined to comment.

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Journalists comes to JCU, discuss world media

Natalie Terry
Staff Reporter

Americans are not paying enough attention to foreign news, or any news at all, according to Will Stebbins, the Washington Bureau Chief of Al-Jazeera.

Stebbins spoke Tuesday afternoon at John Carroll University alongside a group of professional journalists who discussed the current state of world media, particularly media within the United States.

JCU Communications and Theatre Arts professor Richard Hendrickson moderated the panel, while Professor of Political Science Pamela Mason introduced the panel and program.

Al-Jazeera English began in 2006 and serves as the first 24-hour English language news station to be headquartered in the Middle East.

The controversial location of Al-Jazeera does not come without a price.

Stebbins mentioned that the news station was at one time or another shut down by every country in the Middle East, except Israel.

He said that Al-Jazeera "threw open the doors and allowed all dissenting opinions" to enter the news media.

Mona DeBaz, political science professor at JCU, commented on American society.

DeBaz said that Americans are "not yet ready to start listening to news from the South," meaning Americans are focused on stories pertinent only to the United States.

DeBaz challenged Americans to look at international news as if it were their own local news.

Al-Jazeera English attempts to break this mold with their mission to serve the public.

Stebbins said institutions such as CNN and ABC Nightline first

employed many reporters involved with Al-Jazeera English.

Stebbins credited their switch to Al-Jazeera with the station's promise of practicing journalism as free, controversial, and as a chance to return to the basics of journalism.

The Arab news station is currently available on TV in each country located in the Middle East.

In the U.S., broadcast of programming is only found on television in Toledo, Ohio and Burlington, Vermont.

Stebbins said, "The only problems we face are here in the United States." He commented that coverage from Al-Jazeera English is available on live feed from their Web site.

He compared the news station to the BBC, which in his opinion never took off in the United States, similar to Al-Jazeera.

The news station, Stebbins said, is not on the radio because they rely on images to connect with their audience.

This is, in part, due to the changing role of the media in the lives of Americans.

As Tim White, anchor of WKYC-TV3, said, "Our business is to harvest eyeballs and sell those eyeballs."

Stebbins agrees that the bottom line is a motivating factor and since TV is by nature a very theatrical medium, it catches viewers' attention.

Stebbins cautioned viewers to find additional resources for a better understanding of international events.

Al-Jazeera is one option to gain this understanding. He said, "The more opinion, the richer the understanding."

Stebbins challenged Americans to follow this method of news-gathering while preparing for the upcoming presidential election.

In Stebbins' opinion, media in



the United States is geared toward strategy of the candidates.

Stebbins said, "Despite all of the attention paid to the election, we do not have any sense of what a Hillary Clinton or a Rudy Giuliani would look like in office."

In agreement with White and Stebbins views pertaining to the transformation of news media, Elizabeth Sullivan, columnist and editorial writer for The Plain Dealer, commented about the globalization of the media.

Sullivan said, "Money is to be made in the news business."

The Plain Dealer's job, explained Sullivan, is to appeal to the audience in Cleveland and that the local newspaper in Cleveland is trying to create more of a dialogue with readers.

Additional participants in the roundtable discussion were Fatina Salaheddine, editor and publisher of Al-Sahafa, Cleveland; Cynthia Dettelbach, editor, Cleveland Jewish News; and David Knox, reporter, Akron Beacon Journal.

The Cleveland Council on World Affairs and JCU sponsored the roundtable discussion.



Photos taken by Robert Wietziers

Tim White (top, left) listens to Cynthia Dettelbach speak, while Will Stebbins (below) discusses his role at Al-Jazeera.

About Al-Jazeera

- Al-Jazeera is an Arabic news station headquartered in Doha, Qatar.

- Al-Jazeera means "The Peninsula" in Arabic.

- Al-Jazeera credits itself as creating change within the political and cultural spheres of the Middle East.

- Compiled by Natalie Terry

Retraction:

The front page story in the Dec. 6 edition of The Carroll News attributed to Lisa Ramsey, the director of student activities, a statement said by someone else. An editing error made it appear that she was responsible for a reference to "political correctness" in an article about the Winter Formal. The Carroll News apologizes to Lisa Ramsey and its readers.

Interested in joining The Carroll News?

Come to our Open House, today at 6 p.m. in The Carroll Newsroom, located in the D.J. Lombardo Student Center

Campus Safety Log



December 13, 2007

A fight broke out by the picnic tables outside Murphy Hall at 3:03 a.m.

December 13, 2007

A water balloon was thrown out a window in Murphy Hall at 9:17 p.m.

January 12, 2008

A missing laptop was reported stolen at 5:01 p.m.

January 14, 2008

A drug violation in Shula Stadium was reported at 10:14 p.m.

January 17, 2008

A punched out ceiling tile in Sutowski Hall was reported at 11:57 p.m.

January 18, 2008

Tiles were reported as pulled down in Murphy Hall at 11:54 p.m.

January 18, 2008

A theft was reported to Campus Safety Services at 4:05 p.m.

January 20, 2008

Tiles were knocked down in the basement of Campion Hall at 2:35 a.m.

These incidents are taken from the files of Campus Safety Services, located in the lower level of the Lombardo Student Center. For more information contact x1615.

CSS purchases new vehicles

Matthew Mihalich
Staff Reporter

Campus Safety Services has improved and updated its facilities by adding new equipment to the force, including new patrol unit trucks, radio system, vans and a bus.

The former patrol units, a Chevy Blazer and a Buick, were replaced with matching white Ford Sport Trac trucks.

The new sport utility vehicles are designed like a Ford Explorer but are equipped with flat beds.

Chief Timothy Peppard referred to the former units as “old, beat up cars” and is happy about the new additions.

“I recommended this vehicle because they’re four wheel drive, so they’ll be good in the winter.

“Plus they sit a little higher, and they have flat beds for hauling,” said Peppard. “They’re versatile.”

CSS also bought a new radio system. The new units have a radio installed and can now communicate between other patrol units.

Previously, the patrol cars could only communicate to the main dispatch.

Also, new to the parking lots will be two new shuttle vans and a bus.



Photo by Kate McCall

New Ford Sport Trac trucks purchased by CSS were bought with capital funding.

CSS is responsible for the shuttle service provided by JCU and felt the need to upgrade the vans for the service.

The bus, along with one of the two new vans, is handicap accessible and equipped with wheelchair mobility.

It was not money from the budget, but money from the capital

fund, that paid for the improvements.

“Capital money is used for buildings, to buy big items. Nobody’s budget covers big things,” said Peppard.

“It’s a different pile of money that takes care of major expenses and one time purchases [such as these],” he added.

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years and this year moved to the free weights section.

Howard acknowledged that there were complaints the department was receiving about the Corbo Center, but they were never steady.

The biggest problem now is the rubber flooring that was not replaced and is around 25 years old.

The limited spacing is also an issue, according to Howard, but there is talk of creating a new fitness center in the master plan which could possibly resolve this issue.

That is still just speculation though.

The new equipment that was recently put in would be moved over to a new fitness center, Howard said.

This renovation not only benefits current students, but could be very helpful in prospective students deciding to attend JCU.

“There is a need to stay current. The bigger universities all have a weight room that looks like ours does now,” Howard said.

She said that the new fitness



Photo by Max Flessner

Senior Greg Nachman uses the new bench press equipment.

room will probably have more of an impact on recruiting students than current students.

“Most students that already go here just want a place to workout.

That’s all they need and they’re happy,” Howard said.

Howard added, “I hope people take advantage of the opportunity that is here now. Stay fit.”

Campus Briefs

Lucrezia Culicchia Award Nominations

Students and faculty are invited to nominate professors for the Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence in the College of Arts and Sciences. A letter of nomination should describe how the nominee serves as a model in classroom teaching, a campus leader, a pioneer in teaching methodology and demonstrates creative course development. Letters of support from alumni are also welcome. Nominations should be submitted to the Office of the Dean, in the College of Arts and Sciences, by Wednesday, Feb. 27. The recipient will be awarded a \$2,000 stipend. The award will be presented at the Fall 2008 faculty meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences. For additional information, please contact the Office of the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (Ext. 4215).

Make the Most of the Career Fair

Students are invited to a pre-career fair night on Jan. 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the LSC Room of the Student Center. Recruiters will be available for students to prepare to meet the representatives at the Career Fair and to give resume advice and more.

Rev. Dean Brackley Lecture

Dean Brackley, professor of Theology at Universidad Centroamericana in El Salvador, will present a lecture titled, “The Migrants: Illegals or God’s Ambassadors?” The lecture will take place in the Donahue Auditorium at the Dolan Science Center on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. The lecture is sponsored by the Poverty and Solidarity Program in Applied Ethics. For additional information please contact 216-397-4980, or mponyik@jcu.edu for more information.

Career Center Internship

Paid Career Assistant internships at the Career Center are now available. Positions are available for the 2008-2009 academic year. The program is designed for rising juniors and seniors interested in marketing, multi-tasking, event planning, communication, counseling, leadership and publicity. Applications are due by Friday, Feb. 11. For additional information, please feel free to call Noelle @ (216)397- 4239.

- Compiled by Caitlin Huey-Burns

CAMPUS CALENDAR - JANUARY

24	Thursday	25	Friday	26	Saturday	27	Sunday	28	Monday	29	Tuesday	30	Wednesday
The Racquetball League begins today. Registration was due on January 22. The event is open to students, faculty and staff.		Resident Assistant interviews end today.		The JCU Women’s Basketball team will play Otterbein at 3 p.m. in the DeCarlo Varsity Center. The Men’s Swimming and Diving Team will race Baldwin-Wallace at 12 p.m. in the Johnson Natatorium.		Training for Eucharistic ministers and Lectors will take place at 8 p.m. in the St. Francis Chapel.		The Carroll Book Club will host its first meeting of the semester in OC 26 at 5 p.m. Free coffee and donuts will be provided. The club will discuss Jhumpa Lahiri’s “The Namesake.”		The weekly SUPB meeting will take place in the Jardine Room at 9 p.m.		The Career Fair Pre-Night will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. in the LSC Room of the Student Center.	

Delaney will work for more communication with UH

Kate McCall
Campus Editor

Increasing communication and adding more lounge space were among the topics new Student Union president Molly Delaney discussed during her inaugural address Jan. 17.

After taking the oath of office, Delaney talked about how from the moment she stepped on JCU's campus, she could see that Student Union leaders fought for the rights of students.

"I found each of the officers in the Student Union to be advocates for change. They collaborated, brainstormed and bickered – all in the name of the students.

"It is that enthusiasm and dedication that still keeps me involved today, and as president I will integrate these qualities in everything we do," said Delaney.

Delaney then outlined what she hopes to accomplish during her time in office. Opening lines of communication between students, faculty, administration and University Heights was immediately emphasized.

Delaney said she also would like to provide more

lounge areas for students and to expand the JCU shuttle system.

Working with the Career Center to expand services and opportunities available students completed the on-campus work Delaney wants to accomplish.

However, Delaney also mentioned dealing with issues concerning the surrounding world.

"We also must examine our place within the context of the world around us," she said. Several students have already contacted Delaney about making the campus more environmentally-friendly, while a class senator has outlined plans for a Save Africa week.

"We will work to ensure that progress is made in making and sustaining these efforts," said Delaney.

Delaney thanked the Executive Board she worked with this past year as executive vice president.

She also said she is looking forward to working with the new Executive Board, which consists of Patrick McDermott, Shaylyn Mahoney, Nick Habursky, Andrea Capasso and Carolyn Pici.

"Say what you will about

"We also must examine our place within the context of the world around us."

Molly Delaney
Student Union President

a good leader, but I personally feel that great leaders surround themselves with great people. I feel like I have accomplished that with you," said Delaney of her new Executive Board.

New Executive Board members were later sworn in by Delaney at the Executive Board Inauguration.

In her closing remarks, Delaney described the opportunity to serve her peers as a blessing.

"No matter what title I hold, now or ever, I will bear in mind the greater scheme of what I do and recognize that my role as an individual is nothing compared to the role I hold as a member of a community," said Delaney.

Before Delaney took the oath of office, out-going SU President, Andy Costigan, gave his farewell address.

Costigan said that he highly valued all the people who have not only helped him, but

the Student Union and the University.

"Many times these people do work that is selfless and they have no form of recognition," said Costigan.

Costigan went on to thank all of the class senators and his Executive Board, which consisted of Michael Dietz, Libby Bost and Greg Lucsko, and Delaney and Nick Habursky.

Bringing a free music provider to campus and establishing online Student Union elections were improvements Costigan mentioned occurring during his time in office.

When talking about Delaney, Costigan said that from the time Delaney joined the Student Union, it was evident she could do great things.

"Molly has always challenged the Student Union to look at what they can do to better the organization. She is very capable," said Costigan.



Photo by Kate McCall

Delaney discusses plans to expand shuttle services and lounge areas during her inaugural speech.



Photo by Kate McCall

JCU purchases Temple Emanu El

- Temple Emanu El, located at the corner of Cedar and Green Roads in University Heights, next to Heinen's, has sold its property to JCU.
- Students will be able to park there on a regular basis starting with the Fall 2008 semester. All freshmen and sophomore students will be allowed to purchase these parking permits.
- The transfer of the property to JCU will be completed when Temple Emanu El moves to its new location in Orange Village, Ohio.
- Playing fields for student sports and upperclassmen housing are also possibilities for the land that JCU has purchased.

- Compiled by Kate McCall

New community affairs director named at WJCU

Cassandra Larson
Staff Reporter

John Carroll University graduate Nate Marinchick will become the community affairs director of WJCU, helping to produce 90-second news reports on issues in the surrounding community.

Marinchick, a 2003 graduate, will help the radio station shift its focus and broadcast a more diverse set of material. These news clips will begin airing a couple times a week

in different time slots, and eventually should air up to four times a week.

"The hope is to assemble a group of students and community volunteers who will help generate story ideas, conduct interviews, write and assemble the reports," said Marinchick.

"The reports will focus on issues of importance to people who live and work in University Heights and the other communities."

Marinchick currently

holds a morning news position at WTAM 1100, a Cleveland radio station. He has been involved with professional broadcast radio for seven years, and began working for WJCU while he was still in high school.

During his time at JCU, Marinchick had his own radio show, "The Anti-Format Hours," and was the sports director at WJCU during his junior and senior years.

"I have wanted for some time to be able to give some-

thing back to WJCU. My experiences in college radio have really helped me in my career," said Marinchick.

Through the community affairs director position, Marinchick will be able to share his passion for broadcast radio with students.

"I believe that there is something magical about speaking into a microphone and bringing information and entertainment to a large group of people I've never met," said Marinchick.

Mark Krieger, director and general manager of WJCU, is highly anticipating Marinchick's arrival. "We are really excited about the opportunity for our students," Krieger said. "Nate is very serious about what he does."

WJCU, which began operation in the late 1960s, is a 24-hour station that is owned and operated by the University.

According to the WJCU Web site, one mission of the radio station is "to deliver

unique and diverse radio programming that serves community interests and tastes."

Marinchick's new position will help WJCU exemplify this important value. Marinchick feels it is important for people to be aware of their community.

"It's important for all people to care about the community in which they live. We have so many people who are willing to complain about things but not get informed or do anything about them."

From the subway to the stage

The unique group Nuttin' But Stringz will perform tonight at John Carroll University

MUSIC REVIEW & PREVIEW

"Nuttin' But Stringz"



Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

Maybe you're really into pop music or maybe you're more of a classical music buff. Either way, the Escobar Brothers have something for you.

Tourie and Damien Escobar come together to form a unique group called Nuttin' But Stringz, which will be performing tonight at 7 p.m. in Kulas Auditorium.

The group mixes a range of pop, rhythm and blues and hip-hop with the classical sound of the violin; the goal being to fill the void between popular and classical music.

This unique combination brings audiences an uncommon and enlightening burst of intense rhythm that's focused around the emotions and feelings that go into each piece. The eldest brother, Tourie, said, "Our music is based on emotion, not lyrics. We tell stories and the violin is our voice."

The emotions are so concentrated and energetic that Damien said, "We play our violins so hard and with such force that we destroy a bow a show."

The Escobar brothers began playing the violin at ages seven and eight. They grew up in an unsafe area of Jamaica, Queens where classical music wasn't exactly promoted.

Though they temporarily dropped out of school, they did eventually return to school and even went on to attend the legendary Juilliard School of Music in New York City.

Tourie and Damien truly worked hard to get where they are today, playing in the New York City subways to make money.

Tourie said, "We would play the trains and we had a captive audience. We broke down the trains on a marketing level. Damien chose the C train for its demographic and I tackled the A train. We raked in over \$300 each in two hours and we did it three times a week."

Damien said, "The subway is the equivalent of playing several performance hours each week and we were able to refine our technique before a live audience."

Their big break came in 2005 with the help of their manager, James Washington. The group won a local talent contest at the Apollo Theatre and from there they released their debut CD, "Struggle from the Subway to the Charts" in October of 2006 through KOCH Entertainment.

On this album Nuttin' But Stringz really showcases their unique talent and versatility.

The rhythm of the music varies from fast-paced violin based pieces like "Thunder Remix" and "Egyptian in the Night," to slower, yet inspiring pieces such as "Struggle."

"Struggle" is the type of song that anyone can relate to, just by the sound. It is reflective and can really touch you; it's something you can listen to over and over again.

The group lets the music tell their story, with some lyrics to simply back it up. In fact, they even say so in the intro to their song "Beauty from Afar," as they say, "Let her understand you not through your voice but



Photo courtesy of Jon Simon

Tourie and Damien Escobar combine pop, rhythm and blues and hip-hop with the classical sound of the violin to create the unique sound of "Nuttin' But Stringz."

through your instrument."

The reflective sound and honesty is evident in their song "A Nu Day." This piece begins with the verse, "No longer are we asking for change" and continues to say, "If dreams are

possible than I'm an example."

Nuttin' But Stringz is a truly one-of-a-kind sound that is sure to please crowds of any age or background, regardless of their musical tastes.

Quotes compiled from Nuttin' But Stringz' biography, supplied by manager James Washington.

A new year could bring a new you

Hailee Dorflinger
Staff Reporter

Here we are at the beginning of another new year, and we have overindulged once again. Everyone knows the feeling - too many holiday cookies or servings of mom's homemade stuffing and mashed potatoes.

Statistics suggest that most people gain at least three to four pounds over the holiday season, so you are not alone. Just as predictable, though, are the majority of New Year's Resolutions vowing weeks of fasting and vigorous workouts to drop the extra pounds. Unfortunately, most people fail within the first few weeks because of unreachable goals and plans of doom and despair.

The first step is to start now, right this very minute. Or, at least after you finish reading this article for some simple tips on healthy ways to keep your weight loss resolution this year.

One easy thing that you can do is use the buddy system and work toward your healthy diet and exercise plan with a friend. This way, you will have some extra motivation on those days when you feel like sitting in front of the television with a bag of chips.

Set realistic goals. Obviously, you aren't going to drop ten pounds in one week. Set a more reachable goal like one pound a week. Everyone's body works in different ways and requires different amounts of calories. You can visit www.wvda.org/calcs to calculate your estimated daily calorie intake based on your height, weight, age and activity level.

Remember not to starve yourself or skip

out on snacks altogether. This will only make your urge to splurge more tempting. Munch on small, low-calorie snacks between meals to help manage your appetite. (www.atkins.com)

According to goodhousekeeping.com, some easy, 100-calorie snacks include popcorn, string cheese, an apple, peanuts or even frozen fruit bars. These snacks are perfect for anytime you are looking for a simple and inexpensive "hold-me-over."

In addition to these healthy eating habits, adding simple lifestyle changes like taking the stairs, parking farther away from your destination, or walking to the coffee shop instead of driving can make a huge difference. (www.health.com)

Combine these with some sort of aerobic exercise and you're on the right track to keeping that resolution.

The key to keeping your resolution is to make your work-out fun. That way you look forward to working out instead of dreading it. Yoga and pilates are the trend of the past, we are now moving towards more fast-paced, high energy workouts.

Zumba is one such work out, recently introduced to the United States by celebrity trainer "Beto" Perez from South America.

Zumba "utilizes the principles of fitness interval training and resistance training to maximize caloric output, fat burning and total body toning. It is a mixture of body sculpting movements with easy to follow dance steps," according to Web site, zumba.com.

It is a great way to have fun, listen to some Latin music and tone your body at the

Five simple weight loss tips:

1. Eat several small meals throughout the day, about one meal every three hours. This helps to boost your metabolism and prevent you from binging.
2. Drink water instead of pop, coffee or tea to eliminate calories and clean out your system.
3. Eat more monounsaturated fats and less saturated. This is as easy as reading labels.
4. Limit your intake of processed foods. Think fresh and raw, like fruits, veggies and nuts.
5. Remember to take a multi-vitamin to help supplement your diet and enhance the productivity of your work-out.

Information compiled from www.atkins.com, weightlossforall.com, healthcastle.com and www.exercisegoals.com.

same time, making your resolution a little less painful.

Several local gyms and centers offer Zumba classes and the workout is available on DVD. Check out zumba.com to learn more, to find a class that fits into your schedule, or to purchase the DVD for an intense workout at home.

Another new and fun way to work toward your New Years Resolution is spinning. A group cycling class where you work on a stationary bike at different rates and resistance levels with loud, fast-paced music for a fun

way to stay true to your weight loss goals.

Grab a friend and join the spinning class at John Carroll University through the Fitness Center Monday through Thursday. See the Fitness Center Web site for times and locations of the classes as well as a schedule of other fun classes ranging from salsa dancing to kickboxing or Tai Chi.

Sticking to that weight loss resolution is as simple as diet and exercise. The hardest part is getting started. So put down that high-calorie drink your sipping on and start a workout plan today.

The truth behind the scruff

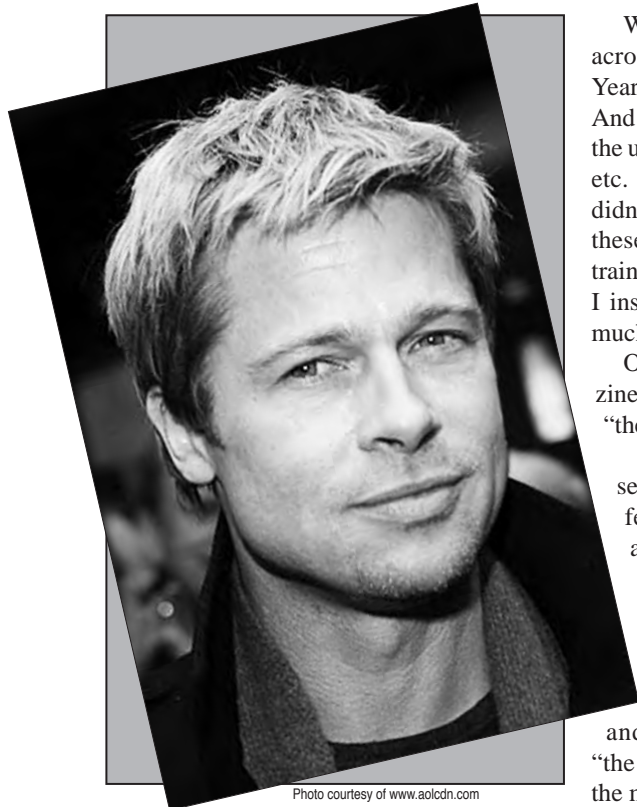


Photo courtesy of www.aolcdn.com

Commentary by
MJ LaPerch
Staff Reporter

Winter break gives everyone the time to do what they couldn't for the two weeks prior to break – sleep, watch TV and catch up on some reading.

While sitting at home, I came across People's Sexiest Men of the Year 2007 issue and began reading. And it wasn't the fact that it was full of the usual guys: Clooney, Pitt, Damon, etc. that I found most interesting. I didn't even lament on the fact that these people have the advantage of trainers, nutritionists and the like, but I instead found a consistency pretty much across the board.

Of the 100 men listed in the magazine, about 85 percent of them had "the scruff."

"The scruff" is a look that I have seen more and more of over the past few years. What is this you might ask? A quick glance at urbandictionary.com describes scruff as, "facial hair; basically day three to five (days) after a shave."

I began to notice more of this look as the days passed and I began to ask questions. Is "the scruff" some sort of keeper of the mojo?

Is it the reason why Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre has remained popular for so many years? Is it the reason why Patrick Dempsey can have his pick of girls while the rest of us watch in amazement?

I decided I had to do research. So I grew my facial hair for a week. And while I didn't keep an exact journal of it, I'm sure it went

something like this:

Day One: So far nothing yet, although my razor burn is pretty pronounced - definitely should switch back to the gel.

Day Two: I look a little bit older but my face feels like sandpaper - I could probably scratch glass.

Day Three: I'm starting to feel the itch and notice that I would probably have a red goatee even though I don't have red hair - weird.

Day Four: I look dirty and girls still won't talk to me.

Day Five: Somebody told me that I looked homeless at McNulty's and all I want to do is shave this dirtiness off.

Day Six: I'm rubbing my face hoping some of it may come off. No luck!

Day Seven: I'm counting down the minutes until a full week has passed and cheat by four hours.

So what did I learn from this week? It was tough to tell. I was torn between the idea that people who already had status could do what they want or maybe I had just done something wrong.

And so I went back to the source at urbandictionary.com and found my answer in a definition just below the one that I gave you.

It read, "Scruff: Noun: A word

used to describe someone handsome, suave, intelligent and witty. An individual with 'the scruff' is very relaxed, calm and cool. He is also a very strong person. He is everything you are not, in short."

I closed the browser and walked away from my computer - what a waste of a week.

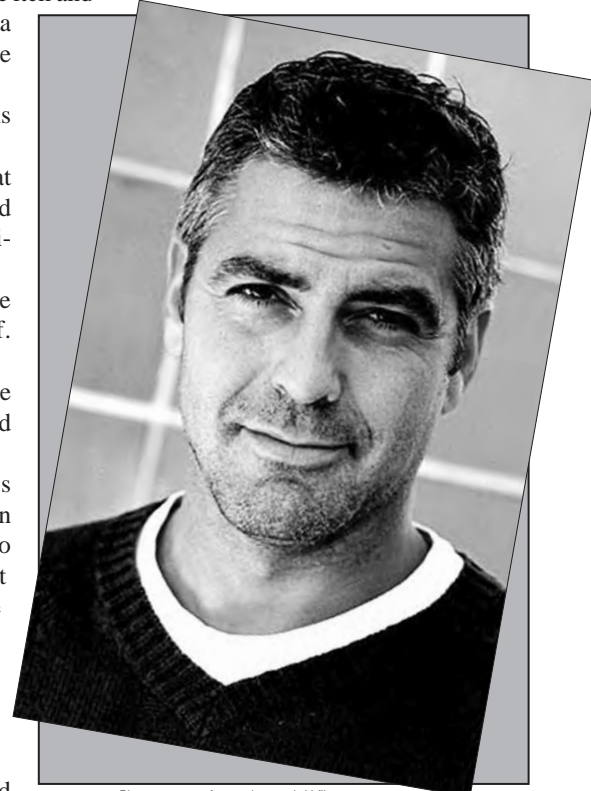


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Writers strike causes financial loss for fashion industry

Lena Chapin
Staff Reporter

Tonight will mark another McDreamy-less Thursday night. With the writers strike still going on, sitcom and drama fans are once again forced to look elsewhere for their entertainment. But, America's viewers aren't the only ones suffering during this time of reality-television overload.

The on going strike and all of its consequences have put a major damper on the high profile world of fashion. Every year awards shows like the Oscars, the Grammys and the Golden Globes provide a flashy red runway for designers to display their gowns and snazzy tuxedos on the most famous models of all: actors, actresses and musicians.

There are entire shows dedicated to stopping the celebrities and asking them who and what they're wearing. This provides thousands of dollars of advertising for the dress, suit and jewelry designers. But the Writers Guild of America may bring this to a crashing halt.

If you tuned in to the Golden Globes this year, you probably noticed that something was miss-

ing. You didn't? Well, Versace and Vera Wang sure did!

Due to the WGA's walk out on Nov. 5, the Golden Globe awards were changed from a full-on red carpet, black-tie affair to a miniscule news conference. Where were the stars? And most importantly where were the tuxes and dresses? They were still in the closets, depriving their designers of free advertising. Take for instance, the design house Elie Saab, who struck gold when Halle Berry won her Academy Award in one of their beautiful couture gowns in 2002.

Just last year, three of the house's dresses were worn on the red carpet by big names like Kate Walsh ("Grey's Anatomy," "Private Practice"), giving the designer millions of dollars worth of exposure that a runway show could not. But this year Saab and others missed out on the opportunity.

Designer Alice Temperly told Women's Wear Daily, "It's a shame the [Golden Globes] were cancelled last minute, as we have been working on some great dresses with some of our clients."

Very rarely does Kate Winslet just pick a dress from her closet and slide it on for an award show. The designers spend months working with the stars to make the dresses look the way they do. They take in and let out, hem and stitch in areas to make the stars, and more importantly the dress, look stunning. Sometimes a design house makes a dress from scratch for an actress to wear to just one award show.

With these high-profile awards shows facing cancellation, couture lines are not only missing out on exposure, but they are wasting valuable time and materials. Marilyn Heston, the spokeswoman for Elie Saab, pointed out another costly consequence of the cancellation of the Globes. "Some people actually buy [the] dresses, believe it or not," said Heston.

While most actresses and musicians are given the dresses to wear for the night for free, some

people, like the wives of the actors and studio executives, purchase the dresses ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars.

But why buy a dress if you have nowhere to wear it? The design houses are now facing the possibility of losing millions of dollars worth of profits if the dresses begin getting returned.

Unfortunately, since the cancellation of the Golden Globes, the WGA has been talking about boycotting other ceremonies as well. The Grammys are coming up on Feb. 10, but if negotiations are not settled by then, the Writers Guild may decide to picket the event. The Screen Actors Guild and other organizations now working in solidarity with the WGA may also picket.

The joint picketing and boycotting would cause a significant drop in attendance and may even cause the Grammys to be cancelled. This would cost the fashion industry more astonishing amounts of money when taking into consideration the number of actors and musicians who usually attend and the multiple wardrobe changes made by hosts and performers.

Still, the Grammys aren't the main concern of the most famous design houses. Women's Wear Daily recently stated, "Hollywood and the fashion industry are worried that the biggest awards show of them all, the Oscars, might be a casualty if the Writers Guild of America strike isn't settled."

Many recent news stories have been saying that informal negotiations with the Writers Guild are scheduled to begin again as early as this week.

Let's hope they get things settled quickly, because like the fashion world, we can't afford another week without our TV shows.

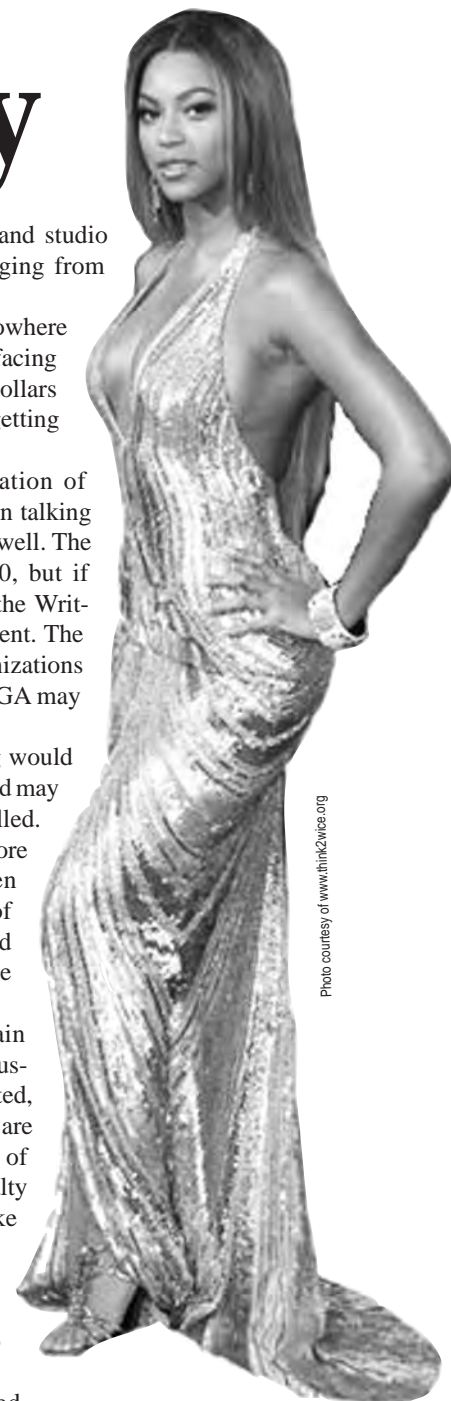


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Beyonce wore a gold, sequined Elie Saab gown to last year's annual Golden Globe Awards.



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'Definitely, Maybe' is original and witty



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Isla Fisher plays the role of Ryan Reynolds' friend and love interest in a new film opening nationwide this Valentine's Day.

and has his persistently witty daughter. Back to the present day, with the divorce papers waiting to be signed, we find ourselves wondering, is the woman he married really the one?

With a little push from his daughter, Hayes realizes that revisiting his past has given him a second chance at love. The only thing left to find out is whether or not the woman he loves, loves him back.

Writer and director Adam Brooks takes a fresh look at the typical love story plot by adding in a political backdrop that makes the plot all the more interesting.

"I always wanted to do a story about a young man coming to the big city with all his hopes and dreams," said Brooks, on the movie's Web site.

This allows the audience to see different facets of the characters, rather than just focusing on their romantic relationships. The roles weren't just one-dimensional, which made the film more fun to follow.

The overall production of the film was well-done. The settings were great and really lent themselves to the actors' performances. The music really called upon the emotions of the audience effectively, opening to an upbeat "I am Everyday People."

The casting was flawless; all of the actors performed exceptionally well and had great chemistry with each other.

Reynolds ("Smokin' Aces") really played the role of a realistic modern dad and Abigail Breslin's ("Little Miss Sunshine") performance as Maya was right on point. Her questioning manner and Reynolds' comical responses really made the movie.

Isla Fisher's performance genuinely displayed her versatility and proved her acting abilities. Her role was very distinctive from her memorable work as Vince Vaughn's psycho girlfriend in 2006's hit film, "Wedding Crashers."

All-in-all, the movie is definitely something to look forward to. It tells audiences that love is always more complicated than you think it is and sometimes life just gets in the way. Spanning more than a decade, this story of love and politics will keep you guessing until the very end. "Definitely, Maybe" opens nationwide on Feb. 14.

MOVIE REVIEW "Definitely, Maybe"



Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

"Definitely, Maybe" is a cute romantic comedy with intriguing political undertones that's sure to please audiences of all ages.

According to William Hayes (Ryan Reynolds), 48 percent of marriages end in divorce. But, he never thought he'd be part of that depressing statistic.

"Definitely, Maybe" stars Reynolds as a Manhattan dad trying to help his 11-year-old

daughter Maya (Abigail Breslin) cope with his divorce from her mother.

In an attempt to help her understand a little more about how he fell in love with and ultimately divorced her mother, Hayes decides to tell her the story of his three most serious relationships. To make things more interesting, he alters the names of the women so that Maya has to guess who her mother is.

Immediately we jump back to 1992 when Hayes leaves his Wisconsin home and, more importantly, his college sweetheart, Emily (Elizabeth Banks), to work on Bill Clinton's presidential campaign in New York.

Hayes is just a political consultant, with a dream of one day becoming the president of the United States. In the process of reaching his political goals, he finds himself in a mess of relationships with all of the right girls at all of the wrong times.

Once in New York, Hayes struggles with his long-distance relationship with Emily and begins to have feelings for co-worker

and eventual best friend, April, played by Isla Fisher. April is the office copy girl who doesn't believe in politics and has no idea what she wants to be when she "grows up." Her childlike wonder and enthusiasm mixed with her energetic manner make her easy to fall in love with. However, the timing just isn't quite right for the two of them.





So, in the meantime, Hayes falls for Emily's college fling, Summer Hartley (Rachel Weisz). It isn't hard to see why Emily was tempted by Summer; she is an intelligent, free-spirited journalist who sweeps Hayes off of his feet.

However, with both of their careers on the rise, Hayes and Hartley find it hard to maintain a trusting relationship.

All three of the women come in and out and back into Hayes' life over the course of the next four or five years leaving him torn between them.

After several heart-aches and a couple of attempted proposals, Hayes finally marries

Check out what's happening this week:

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 <p>Photo courtesy of Jon Simon</p>	<p>1/27</p> <p>Ungdomskulen, Left Turn and Kid Tested Grog Shop 9:00 p.m. \$6</p>	<p>1/28</p> <p>Dan Deacon, Ultimate Reality and Leroi Da Moor Grog Shop 9:00 p.m. \$8</p>	<p>1/29</p> <p>Killswitch Engage with Every Time I Die, The Dillinger Escape Plan, and Parkway Drive House of Blues 6:00 p.m. \$27</p>

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memorable quotes of 2007

2008 holds the promise of intelligent comments by presidential hopefuls, critics and common people who find their way into the media. However, 2007 held the same hope and is instead left with a list of comments that seem to lack the pride our country boasts.

Colin Beisel
Features Editor

What do a beauty queen, a college student, a United States senator and the Iranian president all have in common? They are newsmakers whose quotes raised an eyebrow on almost every American.

Caitlin Upton, Miss Teen South Carolina, managed to spit out a very confusing answer when asked why 1/5 of Americans cannot locate the United States on a map. Upton, now a student at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, had difficulty answering the question. Upton later went on the Today Show on NBC and refined her answer. "Personally, my friends and I, we know exactly where the United States is on a map. I don't know anyone else who doesn't. If the statistics are correct, I believe there should be more emphasis on geography in our education so people will learn how to read maps better," she said.

A college student's pleas were heard throughout the country and made a lasting mark on YouTube. "Don't tase me bro!" left such an impression on Americans that it was listed as the most quotable phrase by the Yale Book of Quotations for 2007. Andrew Meyer, a college student at the University of Florida, was tasered by police officers after disrupting a speech made by 2004 Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

Meyer's comments turned vulgar towards the former candidate when he began asking about Kerry's opinions concerning an impeachment of President George W. Bush. When officers attempted to remove the resisting Meyer, they eventually tasered him prompting the memorable, "Don't tase me, bro!"

The Washington newspaper Roll Call reported that United States Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho was previously charged with disorderly conduct in a sex sting operation conducted at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. According to police reports, Craig allegedly entered a stall and used hand and foot signals to initiate contact. The motions were to signal the person sitting in the next stall that he wanted to solicit sex. While Craig pleaded guilty to the charges, he later withdrew his plea when the matter was made public in August. Craig combated these allegations and said that he was nervous, "(I have) a wide stance when going to the bathroom," he said.

The President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has denied the Holocaust took place and has openly called for the destruction of Israel. But, in a recent speech at Columbia University in New York, Ahmadinejad said, "In Iran we don't have homosexuals like in your country." The audience erupted in laughter. Ahmadinejad was responding to a long list of questions asked by Columbia President Lee C. Bollinger.



“In Iran we don't have homosexuals like in your country.”

-Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

While speaking at Columbia University, President Ahmadinejad informed the audience that Iran does not have the homosexual phenomenon that the United States has.

“I personally believe that U.S. Americans are unable to do so because, uh, some, people out there in our nation don't have maps...”

Upton went on to say, "uh, I believe that our, uh, education like such as, uh, South Africa and, uh, the Iraq, everywhere like such as, and, I believe that they should, uh, our education over here in the U.S. should help the U.S., uh, or, uh, should help South Africa and should help the Iraq and the Asian countries, so we will be able to build up our future, for our [children]." Upton did not win the competition.

- Caitlin Upton, Miss Teen South Carolina USA

“Don't tase me, bro.”

-University of Florida student
Andrew Meyer

After being unruly during a speech given by John Kerry at the University of Florida, police tasered Meyer prompting his plea for them to stop.



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“[I have] a wide stance when going to the bathroom.”

- U.S. Sen. Larry Craig

Charged with soliciting sex with an undercover cop, Craig defended his bathroom posture by detailing his stance. Craig is now fighting the charges.



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Brad's Journal

Why you should *not* vote for a Democrat this November



Brad Michael Negulescu
World News Editor

I figured I might as well start off the semester with something not too controversial – yeah right. By the way, I hope everyone is enjoying the global warming outside.

OK, that's enough tomfoolery, so let's get down to business. I don't know how many of you have been following the presidential primary process thus far. It can get a bit overwhelming for someone who considers themselves a political novice, but for a dork like me, this is a good time.

I want to focus on the Democrat side because I think that race has become such a complete joke and everyone needs to know it. First of all, more hoopla has been made about the two major candidates because of their race and gender than because of their political positions.

Now, I admit that it is fascinating that for the first time in the history of this country we have people who legitimately could be president who are not white males. It's a good story. But my beef is that it has overshadowed how disastrous for America it would be if a Democrat gets elected later this year. Allow me to explain.

Let's start with Iraq. For the Democrats, it is a race to surrender with the winner being who can hand a victory to the enemy first. All of their major candidates want to get U.S. troops out of Iraq within a year of their entrance into the White House. John Edwards said he will get all troops out and put response teams in Kuwait in case any problems erupt in Iraq. But, Edwards is a nit-wit and should not be taken seriously on any issue. Usually I try to refrain from ad hominem attack, but Edwards just asks for it.

Anyways, to my knowledge, not one Democratic candidate has been asked in a debate about the success of the surge strategy implemented last year by the president, which has reduced violence significantly in Iraq. Not only are civilian casualties down over there, but U.S. deaths have also fallen dramatically. December had the second lowest total of U.S. casualties since the war began, and it's no coincidence. But the Democrats will never acknowledge any progress by our military in Iraq because it is not politically expedient for them to do so, even though it would be the right thing to do. Republican presidential candidate John McCain said that he would rather lose an election than lose a war, it's too bad the Democrats couldn't be that patriotic.

Now let's discuss the economy. If a Democrat is elected in November, they are going to raise your taxes and you can take that to the bank, pun intended. They will say they only want to roll back tax cuts on the rich but do not believe them. The economy has been slowing as of late and if it continues, having the government take more money away from the consumer (you) would only compound the problem.

Another way you know that Democrats want to raise your taxes is every time they mention those famous words "universal healthcare." I don't think many Americans understand how expensive it would be to give health insurance to 300 million Americans. If you want an idea go check out how much we spend on Medicare every year and multiply that by about eight.

Finally, let's discuss national security. Many Americans have become complicit since we have not been attacked since 9/11, and the Democrat Party wants to undue all of the gains we have made over the last seven years when it comes to protecting the homeland.

Things like the Patriot Act, wiretapping, Guantanamo and other crucial anti-terror tools must continue as the war against Islamic extremism has not ended. The major Democratic candidates are also rarely asked about what they plan to do to protect this country. I believe it is because they are clueless and the sympathetic media gives them a pass on this sensitive issue as they desperately want a Democrat elected in November.

Let me be clear, I am not suggesting not voting for a Democrat simply because they are a Democrat. I am saying that their positions on the issues, those few which they have actually enunciated, are a recipe for disaster in the post 9/11 world. America needs to continue to exude a position of strength in the world. We are Earth's only superpower and we need to act like it after George W. Bush is gone. We need leaders who are more worried about the future of this nation, not debating about who has the better personality or who is less racist.

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While we were away

Here is what happened during Christmas break



Benazir Bhutto
1953-2007

Former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was assassinated after a rally of her political party in Rawalpindi, Pakistan on Dec 27. She was once again running for prime ministership after being in exile for almost a decade.



The primary season finally got underway in Iowa on Jan 3. Surprises rocked the political world on both sides of the aisle as underdogs Mike Huckabee (left) and Barack Obama (right) won their respected contests.

John McCain wins South Carolina GOP primary

Hillary Clinton and Mitt Romney win their respective races in Nevada

Meghan Wolf
Staff Reporter

"I guess this is how the West was won," Sen. Hillary Clinton said of her victory in Nevada to a crowd of her supporters.

In Nevada, Clinton was the Democratic winner and Mitt Romney led all Republican candidates. In South Carolina, although the Democratic primary is not until this Saturday, Sen. John McCain won the Republican nomination. "It took us a while," McCain said to a cheering crowd "But what's eight years among friends?"

McCain, who lost his attempt at the presidential nomination to President George Bush in 2000, is now making a comeback with his primary victories. However, he recognizes that his bid for the presidency "still has a ways to go."

Romney, a former governor of Massachusetts, would be the first Mormon president if elected. His victory in Nevada can be partially attributed to his rivals skipping Nevada in favor of larger states. "Today, the people of Nevada voted for change in Washington," Romney said in an issued campaign statement, according to CNN. "Whether it is reforming health care, making America energy independent or securing the border, the American people have been promised much and are now ready for change."

Romney showed appeal to voters who were most concerned about the economy and illegal immigration. He also gained strong support among late deciders, veterans and rural citizens, as well as those from Las Vegas in Clark County.

Exit polls showed that people favored Romney because of his leadership experience and the values he shares with them, according to The Associated Press.

Romney ended up with 51 percent of the vote, far ahead of the other Republican candidates. Ron Paul came in a distant second with 14 percent, and McCain following at 13



Senator John McCain greets supports after winning South Carolina.

percent. Mike Huckabee and Fred Thompson each took eight percent, while Giuliani ended up with four percent.

Sen. Clinton's victory in Nevada came to 51 percent of the vote. She was followed closely by Sen. Barack Obama, the next-highest contender, at 45 percent. They were approximately equal in support at the beginning of last week, and the tie-breaker was sought by heavy campaigning from both candidates.

Due to the way the delegates are divided in Nevada for the upcoming Democratic National Convention, Barack Obama expects to win 13 of the 25 available, while Clinton is expected to win 12. "We're proud of the campaign we ran in Nevada," a written statement by Obama read. "We came from over 25 points behind to win more national convention delegates than Hillary Clinton because we performed well all across the state, including rural areas where Democrats have traditionally struggled."

Clinton received strong support from women and from the Latino community. While in this election Democrats are counting on the power of the Latino vote, they are also realizing the unprecedented power of a western state in playing such an early role in the election,

according to The AP.

In South Carolina, McCain excelled in his appeal to those who preferred leadership as one of the top qualities in a candidate, and also among war veterans and those who believe that the Iraq War and terrorism are the top issues of the election.

"Obviously it's helped McCain significantly," said John Carroll University Political Science Professor Larry Schwab. "He's now become the front-runner for the Republicans."

"It is an impressive victory," said CNN political analyst Bill Schneider. "What was remarkable is he did it without carrying conservatives. South Carolina is the homeland of conservatives. That's why it exercises so much influence in the Republican Party."

With 33 percent of the vote, McCain beat former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, whose support came to 30 percent. He appealed to religious voters, as well as those most concerned with the economy in the coming election, according to The AP. Despite not coming in first in South Carolina, Huckabee is still in the race. "The path to the White House is not ending here tonight," he said.

Apple unveils world's thinnest laptop

Brad Michael Negulescu
World News Editor

Apple Computers Chief Executive Steve Jobs once again wowed Apple fanatics at this year's Apple Macbook trade expo by announcing a new laptop and digital video rental service. It was at this same meeting last year that he announced the iPhone. The most significant new addition was the introduction of the world's thinnest notebook known as the Macbook Air. The new laptop weighs only three pounds, according to The Associated Press.

Unfortunately, because of the computer's extremely slim design, some of the hardware had to be scaled back to conform to its dimensions. The computer uses a 1.8-inch disk drive, on which no more than 80 gigabytes of data can be stored. Memory is limited to a standard two gigabytes of RAM and it's processor is slower than those of Apples other laptops.

Steve Jobs demonstrated a feature called Remote Disk that will make it possible to play the contents of a DVD via a wireless network from another Macintosh or Windows PC. Also, the Macbook Air's battery is not removable, according to The New York Times. With its limited hardware, along with a steep starting price tag of \$1,700, it will be interesting to see if the consumer will be willing to overlook those downsides in exchange for its sleek design.

"I have already bought the new Macbook and am in the process of selling my old one," said John Carroll University graduate Mark Luttner. "Regardless of the cuts in components, Apple always puts out a good product. I've had the iPhone since it came out and



Apple CEO Steve Jobs holds up the Macbook Air at the Apple Macbook Trade Expo on Jan 17.

have never had a problem with it and I don't anticipate having any with the new Macbook," he said.

During his demonstration, Steve Jobs also announced Apple's intentions of getting into the movie rental business. He is attempting to repeat his success in selling digital music by persuading Hollywood to allow Apple to rent digital movies, according to The New York Times.

The terms of the service are similar to those of other rental companies. For the iTunes movie rentals, consumers will have 30 days to begin watching, then 24 hours to finish the movie before it is erased from the hard disk, according to The New York Times.

Jobs insisted that Apple was the first distributor to convince all the major studios to partake in this new rental strategy. "We talked to them and talked to them and finally the bit flipped. They know the rental model; we came to the conclusion it was the right model. It took months and it took a lot of discussion, but it wasn't really that difficult once the bit flipped."

Jobs also announced the first major software upgrade for the iPhone. He surprised analysts by reporting that Apple sold four million iPhone's during their first six months on the market, a number significantly above more market research firms' projections, according to The New York Times.

Abortion rate in the U.S. lowest in thirty years

Kristin Rudman
The Carroll News

The abortion rate in America has fallen to its lowest level since 1976. Survey research from the Guttmacher Institute reports that 1.2 million abortions were performed in 2005, which also equates to 19.4 abortions for every 1,000 women between the ages of 15 and 44. This number is only slightly higher than the 1.18 million abortions that were performed in 1976.

There aren't any conclusive reasons for the drop in the abortion rate. However, some factors may include greater resources for protection or prevention, a decline in the amount of abortion providers, or change attitude towards abortion and parenthood, according to the same survey.

Another reason could simply be that many women are forgoing surgical abortions and receiving medication in which abortions are performed earlier than usual within the first trimester of pregnancy.

This medication was not as accessible a few years ago as it is now. Now, non-surgical abortion providers such as family planning clinics and the practices of family doctors provide early medication abortion drugs, such as the FDA approved Mifepristone, to patients. In the Guttmacher Institute's survey, the findings show that about 57 percent of all known abortion providers now offer medication abortion services, compared with 33 percent in early 2001.

These findings were released nearly 35 years to the day of the historic Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, in which abortion was legalized in America.

Jan. 22 marked the 35th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Early this week many students, activists and advocates from across America, including members of John Carroll University's Right to Life Organization, headed to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life. The event has been held annually since 1974.

The organization encourages education regarding this hot topic, but it also seeks to enlighten the public about how intricate the issue of abortion is. "Part of what Right to Life has emphasized this year is how complex this issue is," said Margaret Phillips, president of Right to Life at JCU. "It's not just black and white. The question of when life begins and what is considered forms of termination add to the complexity of this issue."

Abortion rights and anti-abortion groups continue to stand divided. "It's extremely important that Pro-Choice and Pro-Life groups come together and talk about this respectfully," says Phillips. "It's about what's best for women, what's safe, and what's best for the children as well."

The topic of what's best for women and children will be one of the many issues that political candidates will discuss throughout the presidential primary. Demographics such as religion, economic background or place of residence in America can contribute to the quantity of abortion procedures completed in the United States.

Although the abortion rate varies across the country, according to research it tends to be higher in the Northeast and lower in the South and Midwest, according to The Associated Press.

Regardless of a person's stance towards abortion, Phillips believes that the system can be improved. "There's more that can be done. Our country needs to provide better resources for un-wed mothers, especially un-wed student mothers," says Phillips. "Once the resources are available, they'll be able to feel that there are other options and there is hope."

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Basketball opens 2008 with three game streak

Colin Hulseman
Staff Reporter

Heading into winter break, the John Carroll University men's basketball team had yet to establish a steady winning streak.

The tough road over winter break did little to spark the Blue Streaks.

In the first game during break, JCU lost a heartbreaking double overtime game to Ohio Northern University on Dec. 15.

This game was characterized by an astonishing 75 personal foul calls collectively over the course of the game.

JCU was hit harder by foul trouble as seven players fouled out for the Blue Streaks.

Despite holding the lead late at the end of regulation and the first overtime, JCU could not top ONU as the Polar Bears shot to tie the game in regulation and overtime.

JCU managed to regain their form with a 93-84 win over Mount Union, improving their Ohio Athletic Conference record to 2-2.

The Blue Streaks cruised to victory, thanks to an excellent offensive display. JCU shot 60 percent from the field.

Senior Terry Walsh led JCU, recording a triple double with 27 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds.

The night was extra special for senior Derek Smith as he scored his 500th point for the Blue Streaks.

The Blue Streaks looked to carry the momentum from their win over Mount Union into the Casa Mia Holiday Tournament.

JCU's offense did not play as well as it did against Mount Union

but the Blue Streaks defense carried the team as they edged out Grove City College, 55-51 in the first game of the tournament.

In the second game of the tournament, DeSales University quickly took control of the game as JCU dropped the game, 97-80.

Walsh's 34 points against DeSales helped him earn a spot on the all-tournament team.

Coming off the loss to DeSales, JCU continued to struggle as they had to deal with Heidelberg, another hot offensive team.

The Blue Streaks could not hang with the Student Princes as they dropped their second straight, 102-72.

Despite two tough losses, JCU managed to grab three straight wins against OAC opponents Marietta, Baldwin-Wallace and Wilmington.

"The long layoff at winter break hurt us a bit," said head coach Mike Moran. "We took a step or two backwards. But, now we are playing with more confidence."

JCU came close to doubling up on Marietta as the Blue Streaks defense came to play, holding Marietta to under 50 points as JCU rolled 86-45.

The Blue Streaks continued their winning ways against cross-town rival Baldwin-Wallace with a 91-75 victory.

A major contributor in JCU's wins over Marietta and B-W was junior transfer Donte Ledwell.

He scored 31 points in the two games, including a team high 19 against B-W. Against the Yellow-Jackets, Ledwell was 5-8 from behind the three point line.



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Tony DeMichele is third on the team with 11 steals while averaging over 20 minutes a game.

"[Donte] has been a pleasant surprise," said Moran. "We knew he had a lot of ability, it was just a matter of getting used to the program for him."

JCU's most recent win came against Wilmington 74-61. Sophomore Rudy Kirbus was strong coming off the bench scoring 12 points

in the second half alone as JCU ended the game on a 19-6 run.

"We have been playing really well the last two weeks," Kirbus said. "Especially in the second half."

The three game winning streak is JCU's longest of the season.

JCU won each game by an av-

erage of 23.3 points. The largest margin being 41 points.

The Blue Streaks put their three-game run on the line yesterday in Muskingum.

Winter break may not have sparked the Blue Streaks' season, however JCU found their stride and are locked in a tight OAC race.

Fresh face helps to spark revival for women's basketball in new year

Charlie Duggan
The Carroll News

Quite often a team's turnaround cannot be attributed to one specific event.

However, for the John Carroll University women's basketball team, the arrival of freshman Lee Jennings has rejuvenated the Blue Streaks.

After a 2-5 start, JCU has won eight of their last nine games, five coming in Ohio Athletic Conference play.

Jennings transferred from Bowling Green at the end of the first semester and has been the catalyst for the team's recent success.

Jennings is able to play both guard positions, which has helped take pressure off fellow guards junior Rachael Price and sophomore Whitney Hamilton.

The trio of guards presents a threatening and balanced attack for opposing defenses, averaging 37 points and nearly 7 assists per game combined.

Jennings ability to penetrate and

score has helped create open shots for everyone else on the court.

She is averaging over 16 points per game since arriving at JCU.

"Lee has been a great addition to the team," said Maravalli. "She fits in on and off the court, and she's a great person as well as a great player."

JCU's only loss in their last eight games came against Heidelberg. JCU has currently won three straight, starting with a win against Mount Union.

Perhaps their biggest win came last Wednesday when JCU traveled across downtown Cleveland to the home of defending OAC champions and long-time rival, Baldwin-Wallace.

Despite trailing by five at half-time, the Blue Streaks outscored B-W by 12 in the second half on their way to an 80-73 win.

Jennings led all scorers in the game with 28 points, she chipped in a team high eight rebounds for the game as well.

Junior Erin Zahariev had her best game of the season with 18 points and 6 rebounds.

JCU also received strong efforts from Price and Hamilton, who scored 16 and 10 respectively.

JCU almost saw their most recent winning streak come to an end Saturday against Wilmington.

After starting the game on a 14-6 run, JCU controlled the first half, taking a 36-27 lead into halftime.



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

As JCU's leading scorer, junior Rachael Price has seen less attention from opposing teams since Jennings arrived at JCU.

However, the offense went cold in the second half. Wilmington was able to hold a 5 point lead with 3:33 left in the game.

With two minutes remaining, Price hit a three-pointer from the wing that tied the game at 65.

After the two teams traded baskets, JCU put the ball in Jennings hands in hopes for the win. Her basket with 1.7 seconds remaining was enough to give JCU a narrow 69-67 victory.

There are nine remaining OAC games on JCU's schedule, including

yesterday's game against Otterbein. JCU will then travel to Muskingum on Saturday.

The rejuvenated Blue Streaks are 10-6 overall and 5-4 in the OAC, good enough for a tie for fourth place.

"Our goal is always to come out and play like a team and to play hard," said Maravalli.

As long as Price and Jennings continue to provide JCU with consistent back court play, the Blue Streaks will continue to climb their way up the OAC standings.



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Freshman Lee Jennings has averaged 16.6 points per game since arriving at JCU.

Wrestling ends 2007 with a bang

Tim Ertle
Assistant Sports Editor

While most John Carroll students spent their winter break in frigid temperatures, the JCU wrestling squad migrated south to Fort Lauderdale, Florida for two weeks. The trip, however, was not all fun-in-the-sun.

"We were down there for two weeks," senior Adam Pizzurro said. "The first two days we were competing, and the next 12 days we treated as a training trip."

The Blue Streaks were able to ruin the trip to the Sunshine State for seven other programs en route to capturing first place in the Florida Citrus Tournament.

The first place finish was a total team effort as seven Blue Streaks placed third or better in their individual weight classes.

JCU was paced by a trio of upperclassmen who took home individual crowns. Senior Dominic Spitalieri (141 pounds) and junior Ben Adams (184 pounds) notched their first career collegiate titles, and senior Derrick Bendau (285 pounds) took home first place in his season debut.

"It was a nice experience," Pizzurro said. "We have always used it as a good team bonding experience. It was nice to get out of Cleveland for a while and get into the sun and train down there."

After ending 2007 on a strong note, the Blue Streaks headed to Williamsport, Pennsylvania looking to carry over the momentum in the Budd Whitehill National Duals.

After being upset by tournament host Lycoming College in their first match of the tournament, the seventh-seeded Blue Streaks had to go up against the second-seeded College of New Jersey.

The College of New Jersey, also upset in the tournament's opening



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Dominic Spitalieri won his first career title at the Florida Citrus Open by winning the 141 pound weight class.

round, was able to rebound and show why they were highly ranked, defeating the Blue Streaks 25-13.

After being eliminated from the main draw in just two matches, the angered JCU squad took out their aggression, as they would thump SUNY Oswego 38-15 and Rochester Institute of Technology 35-9.

Aside from a 2-2 finish in a deep tournament field, the Blue Streaks took away some positives based on individual performances.

Adams and Bendau picked up right where they left off as both went undefeated in Pennsylvania.

Bendau was the highlight of the tournament for JCU as he disposed of Oswego's Jake Taylor in just 32 seconds. Taylor was the number 8 heavyweight in the nation at the time of the match.

Since returning home, JCU has begun OAC competition on a great note. In the OAC opener against Muskingum, JCU had four pins and a major decision that led to a

37-12 victory. Junior Elie Naoum, Spitalieri, Adams and senior Steve Bagnowski (174 pounds) all recorded falls.

Pizzurro won his match via forfeit. Pizzurro's victory was the 80th of his career, making him just the 21st wrestler in school history to reach that milestone.

Next up for JCU was a trip to Wilmington for their second OAC match of the year.

The Blue Streaks, still missing a few starters, still managed to defeat the Quakers 26-15. Pizzurro and Adams were again victorious by picking up major decisions. Sophomore Greg Elliott (149 pounds) and Tim Lambert (285 pounds) also won with decisions.

With the win, JCU improved to 6-5 overall and remains unblemished in the OAC at 2-0. The Blue Streaks will be in action next Tuesday night when they battle cross-town rival Baldwin-Wallace in Berea.

JCU ATHLETICS WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Quick hits from around JCU athletics

Men's Swimming and Diving

- Despite winning two of the first three races, the Blue Streaks fell to the Hiram Terriers 120-96.

- Freshman Nicholas Grady took a victory in the 200-yard freestyle and won again with the 200-yard medley relay team. Sophomore David Essi was JCU's third victor of the day. Essi won the one and three meter diving events.

- The Blue Streaks came up short against the Oberlin Yeomen 161-112, in their return to the William H. Johnson Natatorium.

- Freshman Max Wilberding and senior Ehren Eschmann finished first and second respectively in the 100-yard backstroke. Grady added another win in the 100-yard freestyle.

Women's Swimming and Diving

- JCU opened their 131-112 win over Ohio Wesleyan with a victory in the 200 Medley Relay. It was the first of ten event wins for JCU.

- Three Blue Streaks won two races each: sophomore Heather Gilmour and freshmen Heidi Benson and Katie Mathews. Benson's time in the 200 Free, 2: 01.94, was a career best.

- Other individuals with victories were seniors Kaitlin Griffin and Kristen Kovach and freshman Kate Slovonik.

- Benson added another pair of wins in JCU's 128-106 loss to Hiram.

- She added two second place finishes in a close 149-145 loss to Oberlin.

Track & Field

- In JCU's first scored meet of the year both the men's and women's teams finished fifth out of seven teams at the Kenyon Kick-Off Meet.

- Senior Kevin McPeek was the only Blue Streak male to take an individual title.

- McPeek's 47.5 foot shot put beat the nearest competitor by a foot.

- The women had only one event winner.

- Freshman Rachel Widman won the 300 meter dash with a time of 45.62 seconds.

- Sophomore Laura Baldarelli took two top five finishes, third in the 1000 meter and fifth in the one mile.

-Compiled by Sean Fagan



STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Men's Basketball



Donte Ledwell
junior

- Averaged 13.3 ppg during JCU's three game win streak. Ledwell was 5-8 from behind the arc finishing with 19 points in the win over B-W.



Women's Basketball



Rachael Price
junior

-Junior guard averaged 15.6 ppg as the Blue Streaks went 3-0 against OAC opponents and have won 8 of their last 9.



Wrestling



Dominic Spitalieri
senior

- Went 2-1 at Whitehill Duals with 2 pins at 141 pounds. Has got off to a 2-0 start in the OAC after wins against Muskingum and Wilmington.

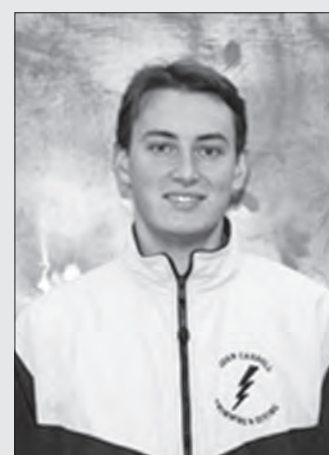


Women's Swimming



Lauren Singley
sophomore

- Came up big for the Blue Streaks by recording a pair of first-place finishes in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events in JCU's narrow loss to Oberlin.



Men's Swimming



Max Wilberding
freshman

- The freshman picked up a first-place finish in the 100 yard backstroke, then followed that up with a second place finish in the 50 yard freestyle.

Boxing's breath of fresh air



Andrew Wisniewski
The Carroll News

Saturday night was, for fans of boxing, a night that was a long time coming.

American Roy Jones Jr. and Puerto Rican fighter Felix "Tito" Trinidad squared off at Madison Square Garden in New York, Saturday. Many fans and experts believed the fight would have been one of the biggest fights ever, had it taken place about five to seven years earlier.

Although Saturday's light-heavyweight bout was not for a title, it had the intensity and hype of world championship match up.

Neither fighter had much success against the styles of their opponents in the past. Roy Jones Jr. had lost his last two matches to fighters who had moved up in weight to face him.

Trinidad lost his two fights as well. However, his opponents had come down in weight to face him.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding each fighter, Jones was a heavy favorite entering Saturday's fight.

His sheer strength and punching power were what many believed would be the difference against a seemingly quicker fighter. Trinidad is used to fighting in a weight class without a power puncher like Jones.

Heading into the fight, each man displayed the utmost confidence in their chances, with Jones even predicting a fourth round knockout of Trinidad.

It looked to be Trinidad's fight through the first four or five rounds.

Landing about twice as many punches as Jones through five rounds, Trinidad looked as though he'd be in control of the fight, despite landing a majority of his punches to Jones' body.

That was when Jones took control. It was as though he was feeling out what Trinidad was going to do in the fight and made the necessary adjustments.

The number of punches landed quickly swung in Jones' favor. He began to land some clean shots to the head as Trinidad grew tired from taking Jones' power punches.

Trinidad's ability to use his quickness to block and dodge Jones' punches grew less and less with each jab and hook he took from his opponent.

Jones went on to knock down Trinidad twice, once in the seventh round and again in the tenth, both on clean shots to the side of Trinidad's head.

With Jones dominating since the sixth round and knocking Trinidad down twice, the twelfth seemed somewhat anti-climactic. The judges unanimously awarded the decision to Roy Jones Jr., ruling that he had won seven of the twelve rounds in convincing fashion.

With both fighters in the twilight of their careers, Jones will now most likely wait to begin negotiations with the winner of the Bernard Hopkins-Joe Calzaghe fight, taking place later in the year.

Trinidad will likely ponder going back into retirement. He was brought out of that retirement by the match-up with Jones. As the fight concluded, I couldn't help but wonder about the decline in boxing's popularity over the years.

Many people have taken a liking to mixed martial arts like cage fighting or Ultimate Fighting Championship.

While there is an unquestioned

athleticism and strategy involved, it seems less like a sport to me than boxing and more like a WWE event.

Often times, UFC fighters are left in positions where they are almost defenseless.

One of the criticisms of boxing is that it is barbaric and merely brutal violence without much of a purpose.

To me, it doesn't get more barbaric than a man straddling his opponent, delivering punch after punch and elbow after elbow to the skull.

As Americans, we love sports that involve some sort of violence.

Football and hockey are loved for their intensity as well as the full contact nature of the sport. Many people watch NASCAR only for the crashes.

When I look at a sport like boxing, I see an event that is, yes violent, but more so an event that involves athleticism, patience, strategy, overwhelming willpower and both mental and physical toughness.

Boxing also has strict rules and regulations, as do the other full contact sports.

In boxing, you don't hear of a steroids scandal or one boxer's trainer illegally taping the fight of an opponent.

I can't make the argument that boxers don't go around abusing women or getting into trouble with the law, thanks to Mike Tyson.

But, within the rules of the game, you are hard pressed to find a sport more pure and loyal to its roots than boxing.

Boxing is a one-on-one, face-to-face match-up testing the skill and strength of two men.

As a country that loves sports, boxing embodies a lot of what a sport is. With that being said, maybe it's time to give boxing a chance.

JCU ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD

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Men's Basketball

JCU 86
Marietta 45

JCU 91
Baldwin-Wallace 75

JCU 74
Wilmington 61

JCU leaders:
Points - Kirbus 47
Ledwell 40
Walsh 33

Rebounds - Smith 23
Kirbus 17
Walsh 17

Women's Basketball

JCU 85
Marietta 64

JCU 80
Baldwin-Wallace 73

JCU 69
Wilmington 67

JCU leaders:
Points- Jennings 67
Price 47
Hamilton 26

Rebounds - Zahariev 19
Sureck 17

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Oberlin 161

Women
JCU 145
Oberlin 149

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JCU 2
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Editorial

Corbo renovations

Over winter break, the Corbo/Cardio Fitness Center underwent a massive \$175,000 face-lift that renovated and updated much of the facility. The center received new carpeting, fresh paint, weight machines and TVs on all the cardio machines.

The renovation, which was funded by the Student Activity Fee and University budget, improved the safety of the facility and the general appeal to getting in shape. It was a smart and much needed improvement by the administration.

Prior to the restoration, much of the equipment was packed closely together. Students had difficulty maintaining a safe distance between themselves and others to work out. Tripping on a free weight or bar was a hazard. Additionally, much of the old equipment was rusted and worn.

However, with the introduction of new equipment and strategic placement, the fitness center offers ample room and specific storage areas to place equipment while not in use. The addition of TVs on cardio machines offers entertainment appeal for those who have difficulty working out for a long period of time. "I feel the changes will have a positive impact on students using the facility and hope that more students will be attracted to use the facility," explained Sandy Howard, director of recreation.

The improvements made to the facility over winter break will also prove to be beneficial not just for current students, but prospective students as well. A brand new fitness center will help John Carroll University to stay competitive among other colleges' facilities and entice students looking at the University.

The University is taking the appropriate strides to update important areas of the campus.



Cartoon by Shane Gullette

Editorial

New housing procedure

Beginning Feb. 1, Residence Life will be introducing a new online housing procedure. In the past, students would manually fill out their personal information, as well as their preferences for housing and roommates on paper.

Although this new system is more technologically advanced, it creates various communication problems and lack of student choice. Residence Life needs to consider going back to the old process.

If the new procedure is enforced, every aspect of choosing housing options will be carried out by the student via Internet. This new procedure must be carried out by all students planning to live on campus through their Banner account.

This new online program doesn't allow for students to choose who they'd like to be in their cluster.

In the past, students were able to see floor plans complete with dimensions and other students living on the floor before choosing their own rooms.

By discontinuing these abilities, students have less of a choice in their personal life and may feel inclined to live off campus, or worse, be placed alongside people they don't get along with. This may create a larger job for Residence Life—new complaints may escalate to peer counseling or room changes.

Misunderstandings are a possible problem; students who are not computer-savvy may enter the wrong information or choose the wrong options.

Although filling out paperwork can be tedious, it has been effective in the past.

Administrators have the ability to catch wrong information more quickly and students have more choices. Residence Life needs to consider the notion that paper, in this case, works best.

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



"All of journalism has lost a true pioneer."



-CNN Washington Bureau Chief David Bohrman, on the death of trailblazing journalist Frances Lewine.

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Kate McCall
Campus Editor

"I was so drunk last night. I don't even remember half of what I did."

"Sounds like you had a pretty good time! Who drove you home?"

"I don't know how I even got back to my house. I think I drove."

Almost every weekend here at John Carroll University, I hear a conversation similar to the one above.

I'm willing to bet that many other people hear the same; a friend or an acquaintance goes out, has a little bit, or a lot, to drink, and then drives home.

Usually, a couple different responses are given to the person guilty of the action.

Either people laugh in disbelief, or a worried shake of the head is

given with the words, "Don't do that ever again" accompanying it.

I will be the first to admit, I have had both reactions. Sometimes I hear stories of kids getting into their cars highly intoxicated and driving all the way from Coventry or Warrensville back to JCU. I usually think, "Wow, that is ridiculous."

But, not everyone is that lucky. Over the Christmas holiday, a terrible accident occurred close to Toledo. A minivan carrying a family of seven was struck head-on by a vehicle going the wrong way on the highway.

The mother and four of the children were killed. The father and another child were taken to the hospital with severe injuries.

The other driver? He was drunk, with a blood alcohol level three times the legal limit (which in Ohio is 0.08). Because of his drunkenness, he was driving the wrong way and probably had no idea.

Considering he drove the wrong way for several miles before hitting the minivan, I think that is a fair statement to make.

Countless stories can be told about drunk drivers who have killed people and who have ruined, not only the lives of others, but, their own lives as well.

The sad thing is that most people,

including you and me, believe that "It won't happen to us."

But if we aren't careful, it can.

My parents are sometimes weary when I tell them I'm going down to Coventry.

More often than not, I reassure them and say not to worry, I'm not drinking. I'm the designated driver. I'm safe.

But really, that is not true. Even if there is one person at the bar who decides to drive home after a few beers, he or she is putting my life and many other lives in danger – even if these people are not intoxicated.

For the year 2008, JCU, I'm presenting a challenge. It is a challenge that will not only benefit every student, but every member of the community.

My challenge is this: Before going out to a party or to the bar, choose a designated driver.

Don't "wing it" and then decide that the person who had the least to drink will drive home. Be responsible. Turn the keys over to a friend who will not be drinking that night.

Just remember, one less drunk driver on the road means one more life that could be saved. You never know, that life being saved could one day be yours.

Lo Castro's
Lowdown

Jenna Lo Castro
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Gettin' the
word on:

*The Presidential
Trail of Tears*

Up until two weeks ago, some people were convinced Hillary Clinton might be a man. Then something inexplicable happened last week in New Hampshire while she was on her campaign trail.

She cried.

She cried, and every person who once believed that she was the one who wore the pants in her and Bill's marriage threw their assumptions out the window.

Welcome to the presidential race '08, ladies and gentlemen. It's the only parade of campaigning canoodling where you can find float after float of white geriatric men, a whimpering androgynous woman and a biracial man who has been criticized for having apparent ties to Al-Qaeda because his estranged father is Muslim.

Or at least, this is what the public's own brain has mustered to whip up. I for one, am fine with personal opinions, especially those relating to political stances and beliefs.

However, what I have trouble stomaching are all the standard cliché jabs that common Americans make against candidates they don't support. They do this either because they're ignorant (yes, I said it) or so set in their own personal ways that they fail to grant a little bit of dignity to opposing candidates.

Maybe it's the fact that I was barely 18 years old in the last election that hindered me from hearing massive smack talk. But, now in my ripe old age, I'm beginning to cringe at people taking personal offense to what candidates say or do.

OK, so let's pretend you're a middle-aged truck-driving, born-again Christian from Arkansas and you're hog-wild for Huckabee. (Can I get a hallelujah?) Good for you. But honestly, your 20-minute spiel about how Clinton shouldn't be able

to run because she's a woman and has "feelings" is the biggest crock I've heard since the O.J. Simpson verdict.

OK, so she got a little verklempt in New Hampshire—but at least she knows how to pronounce words like "nuclear" and doesn't say things like, "We need an energy bill that encourages consumption." (And yes, he really did say that.)

If society is going to have an opinion about a certain topic, it should be one that can be supported by legitimate, intelligent and factually true information.

And if you're going to gripe about a candidate, please criticize one of their policies or platforms, not a personal aspect like their gender or race.

To all the right wingers out there, (and yes, I know you're out there), don't think of this lowdown as a stab at yourselves—I'm just giving some real life examples based off my experiences.

For the first time in history, our nation is witnessing an unusual turn of events in the political playbooks—a competitive race filled with a large, diverse number of candidates. And rather than have qualms about this diversity, I think it's something that we as a society should embrace.

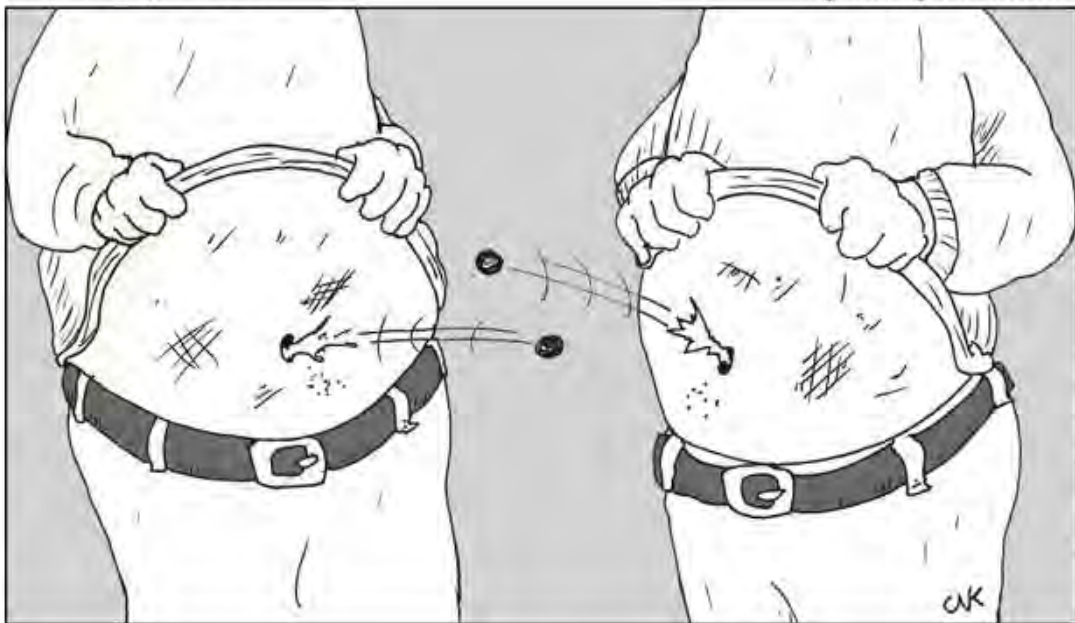
In fact, I think we should all develop a mantra similar to the words spoken by John Edwards after losing the Nevada primary: "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas." I'm not saying to forget about the election, get drunk, go to a strip club and gamble all your money—just relax a little when it comes to judging a candidate.

(S)He might just be your next president.

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The Why? Files

by Casey N. Kindle



Navel Battles

You're wrong, I'm Rafferty: Televising a brand new year



Andrew Rafferty
Managing Editor

My New Year's Resolution for 2008 is to exercise more/watch more TV. You might think that doing more of one would leave less time for the other. I was a little worried myself. But, the new renovations to the Corbo Center are making all my dreams come true.

Let me just say I think it's cool.

Putting TVs on all the treadmills and elliptical machines is something I wouldn't expect from JCU. But, I guess it goes along with the old enrollment adage, "The more TVs per square inch a campus has, the higher enrollment will be."

I have a little problem because I can't watch one channel for more than five minutes. I am constantly pushing buttons. It's a distraction, but I guess it's my own fault. Generally, more buttons lead to more problems.

I also feel like I'm being judged by what I watch. Nobody knows when I'm rocking Right Said Fred on my iPod.

They do notice when I'm watching "Sex in The City" reruns.

But, like everything in life, I use this to my advantage. The other day I turned to the girl on the machine next to me and said, "Hey, I don't know if you noticed, but I'm watching The History Channel. And that says something about me as a human being."

I am a little concerned about what this says about society, though. I mean, we can't even exercise without being entertained? The whole, "let's put TVs all over the place" mentality can be problematic.

For example, why is there a TV hanging from the ceiling when you walk into the library?

No student has ever looked at that and said, "Wow, I'm really glad that's here; it is going to be such a

valuable resource!"

It's more like, "Wow, I know that in some way, I paid for that."

I don't care if someone donated money for the sole purpose of putting that flat screen in the library. JCU should have told them to give the money to feed the homeless, or any of the other million more effective uses.

The future will have TVs everywhere. I've seen them in fancy bathrooms, which is completely contrary to the effectiveness of a bathroom.

A good bathroom gets people in and out. It doesn't encourage them to stick around.

I would like to think that I'm not so afraid to be alone with my

thoughts that I need to be constantly entertained. I'm waiting for a TV to be invented that I can put in my shower.

I do some of my best thinking in the shower, and if there is a distraction, that won't happen. I'll have to daydream more effectively during classes.

I can't wait for books on DVD to be released. Instead of having to read the book, I will be able to watch someone read the book to me.

If you really want to boost enrollment, put TVs on desks in the classroom. That is something no other place can offer.

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Hol(e)y Pair of Socks

"TO LAUGH, TO THINK AND TO BE MOVED TO TEARS"

Adam & Jason Sockel
Humorists

Television: No longer the opiate of the masses.

Before you, the reader, leap into another compelling and riveting article by the brothers Sock, I must be frank with you.

One of the pair has been MIA. I think he got lost in the laundry. It was only a matter of time, and although he shall remain nameless, the remaining Sock will push forward. I will continue to share the great knowledge and sarcasm that God has granted me. Next week the pair shall return as a whole, but until then here we go.

It is important to note that in the eldest Sock's absence, one Joe Bott picked up the slack by helping to edit, revise and once again prove that he is the American Dream.

During winter break the Socks were discussing the writers strike and how angry it made us. I mean seriously, how many times can one watch the same old episodes of "Grey's Anatomy," "Without a Trace," and "Bones," not to mention "Crossing Jordan"?

Honestly, the writers strike is a huge inconvenience to all those television watchers across the country.

It's not quite as bad as the WNBA but it's close. (I hope everyone reading this by now has realized the irony of this article being

about the writers strike and one of its own writers is in fact missing.

Joe recently suggested growing beards or taking him donuts to persuade him to come back.)

Back to the matter at hand: After watching every "Scrubs" season on DVD in their entirety, the Socks decided that there have to be better ways to survive this strike than watching reruns every night.

Every show that lacks writers is simply terrible. This includes every reality show, MTV drama and any thing of the sort.

If someone so much as mentions in passing that "American Idol" is a quality show and happens to be all-new, I swear I will smack you over the head with a book.

What we came up with is a list of things to pass the time until our precious box of entertainment is whole once again.

So without much further adieu, I present the Hol(e)y Pair of Socks (now expanded to include one Joseph Bott) top ten list of things to do to survive the writers strike. (Note to the reader: This list is in no particular order and we are very aware that it is longer than ten items.)

- Read an all-time classic book- See what all the hype is about. We suggest "Catcher in the Rye," "To Kill a Mockingbird," or "Of Mice and Men."

- Befriend Tyler Durden: start a Fight Club.

- Memorize the words to R.E.M.'s "It's the End of the World" or Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire." (Sock and Bott have accomplished both.)

- Learn a new Language. We suggest Pikey.

- Re-invent the wheel.

- If you must watch TV watch Nick at Night. That way you'll see reruns of shows that at least don't suck and you haven't seen in a while.

- Solve world hunger. Tell no one.

- Take a vacation to Hollywood to punch Ryan Seacrest in the face.

- Guys: Buy and assemble your own grill. Thank dad for Y chromosome. Girls: develop new MASH-type-game for school kids.

- Invent a new National Holiday. Guys: Hooray for "We didn't eat the apple first day!" Girls: Let's hear it for "My eyes are up here day!"

- Write a stand-up comedy routine—send to Dane Cook so he'll finally have some new material.

- Learn to cook Duck Flambé.

- Create, arrange and compose soundtrack to autobiographical one man Broadway Show.

- Attempt to find total Nirvana. Once you fail, simply proceed to listen the band Nirvana for a while.

This writers strike smells... just not like team spirit.

Inspiration

Joseph Gerhing
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Brian is an amazing guy. I met him and his son two weeks ago in West Virginia. Brian has spent his entire life helping those less fortunate than himself.

As a jack of all trades, he helped others build their homes, assisted AmeriCorps volunteers with their work and would welcome anyone into his home that needed a warm place to stay.

He has spent his entire life living this way and tells anyone who will listen of the importance of helping others.

Brian says, "In this world, there are two kinds of people—givers and takers." Brian is definitely a giver.

Sadly, not too long ago, Brian experienced some very bad luck. In a span of just a few days, his car's transmission busted and his house burned down taking his life savings along with it.

Not only did Brian lose his ability to help others in the same capacity that he once had, he had suddenly become broke and homeless. His health was also failing. Friends rushed to Brian's aid and began helping to rebuild his home and his life.

Brian hopes that soon his workshop will be rebuilt meaning that he will be able to financially support himself again so that he and his friends can focus their time and talents on those who need it more than he does.

Through the tough times, he has never lost his faith and his strong, inherent desire to help others. Few people have been as inspirational to me as Brian.

When we think of the poor, homeless or "the less fortunate" usually a certain picture comes to mind. Brian was definitely not who I expected to meet in West Virginia.

Not many people are as funny, smart, friendly and giving as Brian.

It is important that when we meet someone who needs our help, we do not look at them and think about how lucky they are to have us bestow our time efforts on them.

Rather, we should be aware that they are trying to give to us just as much as we are giving to them, if only we are able to open our hearts and truly embrace each other as individuals of God's creation.



Student Speakout

What do you think about the new Corbo/ Cardio Fitness Center renovation?

"I love the new TVs, as well as the weights because there are handles that let you grip better."

-Louis Kastelic, junior



"It's definitely an upgrade. The equipment is nice."

-Chris Jula, senior



"I like the TVs because now I get to multitask. I can watch my shows and get hot for Spring Break."

-Anna McGuire, sophomore



"I like the individual TVs. I can just run longer and forget about the time."

-Heather Colonna, freshman



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BABYSITTER NEEDED for Saturday nights, occasional weekday afternoons. Eastside home with three young kids. Must have experience and references. I have always used JCU students and have been happy! Call Cyndi @ (440) 542-1895.

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